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FOR HESS AND BELL FROM REYNOLDS

(1) I'VE BEEN INVITED BY USIS PAO/ RA TERRY C. EAKIN TO ADDRESS A GROUP OF AFRICAN GRADUATE STUDENTS AND OTHERS IN LONDON. AMONG THOSE I CAN EXPECT TO MEET IS SAM UBA, THE AUTHOR OF AN ARTICLE ABOUT PEACE CORPS IN AFRICA MAGAZINE OF 19 MARCH 1973.

(2) I WOULD LIKE PERMISSION TO SUBMIT THE FOLLOWING ARTICLE FOR PUBLICATION TO AFRICA MAGAZINE AND TO USE THE TEXT OF THIS ARTICLE IN MY PRESENTATION IN LONDON ON OR ABOUT 17 APRIL 1973.

(3) BEGIN TEXT

PEACE CORPS AND AFRICA AND DEVELOPMENT

IN THE 19 MARCH 1973 ISSUE OF AFRICA, SAM UBA CHALLENGED THE EFFICACY OF PEACE CORPS IN AFRICA - AND SUGGESTED THAT "IT IS DIFFICULT TO GIVE CLEAR- CUT ANSWERS"... TO THE QUESTIONS OF HOW WELL PEACE CORPS HAS DONE. PERHAPS WE CAN HELP. WE HAVE OUR CRITICS AND BOOSTERS AT HOME AND ABROAD; BUT IN A MOST IMPORTANT SENSE THE GOVERNMENTS OF DEVELOPING COUNTRIES WHOSE REQUESTS FOR US TO CONTINUE PROVIDE US WITH THE BEST MEASURE OF OUR SUCCESS. THERE ARE HOWEVER, SEVERAL OTHER WAYS TO JUDGE OUR
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WORTH. FROM PEACE CORPS' OWN VIEWPOINT, WE HAVE THREE LEGISLATED GOALS: (1) TO HELP DEVELOPING NATIONS MEET THEIR NEEDS FOR TRAINED

MANPOWER; (W) TO PROMOTE BETTER UNDERSTANDING OF THE AMERICAN PEOPLE AMONG THE PEOPLE SERVED; AND (3) TO PROMOTE A BETTER UNDERSTANDING OF OTHER PEOPLES AMONG AMERICANS.

GOALS (2) AND (3) ARE, PERHAPS MOST DIFFICULT TO MEET AND MEASURE. BUT FOR EVERY UNHAPPY INCIDENT OF THE MICHELMORE VARIETY, WE CAN POINT TO THE TENS OF THOUSANDS OF VOLUNTEERS WHO HAVE PERFORMED WELL AND HAVE IMPROVED INTERNATIONAL UNDERSTANDING AROUND THE WORLD. THAT VOLUNTEERS HAVE LEARNED AS MUCH AS THEY HAVE TAUGHT IS A BENEFIT TO US

BOTH. WE HAVE MUCH TO LEARN FROM EACH OTHER.

AS FOR TRAINED MANPOWER (GOAL 1), BOTH AFRICA AND THE PEACE CORPS HAVE

CHANGED IN THE PAST ELEVEN YEARS; AFRICA HAS BECOME INCREASINGLY SOPHISTICATED ABOUT ITS DEVELOPMENT AND MANPOWER NEEDS, AND PEACE CORPS HAS DECREASED YOUNG GENERALIST VOLUNTEERS AND INCREASED OLDER PROFESSIONAL VOLUNTEERS AT AFRICA'S REQUEST.

AS OF FEBRUARY 1973, A TOTAL OF 277 VOLUNTEERS ARE SCHEDULED FOR FALL 1973 ARRIVAL IN AFRICA. OF THESE, 6 ARE DEGREED AGRICULTURALISTS, 17 ARE SKILLED TRADESMEN, 69 ARE PROFESSIONALS IN MEDICAL SERVICES, ENGINEERING AND ARCHITECTURE, AND 132 ARE DEGREED TEACHERS. 81 PERCENT OF THIS GROUP ARE QUALIFIED PROFESSIONALS.

WE HAVE ALSO CHANGED FROM THE FIRST DAYS OF PEACE CORPS WHEN WE WERE FINDING OUR WAY TO NOW, WHEN WE PLACE PRIMARY EMPHASIS ON INCREASING BI-NATIONALISM, AND INCREASING THE TRAINING OF AFRICANS TO REPLACE US.

IN 1972 IN SIERRA LEONE, WE HAVE A MAJORITY SIERRA LEONEAN STAFF (10 OF 17, INCLUDING A DEPUTY DIRECTOR), AND HAVE TRAINED AND ASSISTED:

- 600 PRIMARY EDUCATION IN-SERVICE TEACHERS
 - 1600 PRIMARY STUDENT TEACHERS
 - 160 SECONDARY STUDENT TEACHERS
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- 500 FARMERS
- 50 CONSTRUCTION AND WATER ENGINEERING WORKERS, AND
- 18 NURSES AIDES

MOST OTHER PEACE CORPS COUNTRIES FOLLOW A SIMILAR PATTERN.

FOR AFRICANS AND OTHERS OUTSIDE THE PEACE CORPS, SEVERAL POINTS OF VIEW MAY BE TAKEN RELATIVE TO OUR ROLES, GOALS AND ACCOMPLISHMENTS:

" HIDDEN TALENTS MUST BE HUNTED IN AFRICA, AS THEY ARE BEING HUNTED IN EUROPE AND AMERICA, AND SHOULD BE ENCOURAGED AND ASSISTED".

- PROFESSOR SAM ALUKO, AFRICA, JUNE 1972

" AFRICA NEEDS EXPERIENCED MEN AND WOMEN WHO HAVE ADVANCED TECHNOLOGICAL

SKILLS TO HELP US TO TRAIN OUR PEOPLE TO FACE THE CHALLENGES OF MODERN

CIVILIZATION"

- SAM UBA, AFRICA, MARCH 1973

" EXTERNAL TRAINING OF TEACHERS, ADMINISTRATORS, AND SPECIALISTS ON A GENEROUS SCALE IS IMPORTANT FOR THESE COUNTRIES. SO ARE ORGANIZATIONS SUCH THE PEACE CORPS, WHICH SUPPLY NOT MONEY, BUT THE TEACHERS THAT MONEY ITSELF MAY NOT BY ITSELF BE ABLE TO BUY... IN ALL INSTANCES,

IT SHOULD BE NOTED, EMPHASIS MUST BE ON ACTIVE OR PRIMARY PARTICIPANTS AS

DISTINCT FROM ADVISE".

- J. K. GALBRAITH; ECONOMICS, PEACE AND LAUGHTER, 1971

PROFESSOR ALUKO'S CHIEF CONCERNS ARE THAT AFRICANS SEARCH FOR ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT ALTERNATIVES, THAT AFRICA CEASE BEING A " FOLLOWER", AND THAT AFRICANS " CULTIVATE THEIR OWN GARDEN". MR. UBA'S CONCERN IS THAT AFRICA GET THE RIGHT KIND OF TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE, AND

J. K. GALBRAITH'S CONCERN IS THAT THE RIGHT RESOURCES ARE ADAPTED TO THE RIGHT DEVELOPMENT PROBLEMS.

PERHAPS ONE WAY TO REPLY TO THESE CONCERNS IS TO SUMMARIZE PEACE CORPS'

WORLD- WIDE ACCOMPLISHMENTS FOR 1972:

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OVERVIEW: VOLUNTEER ACTIVITIES AND ACCOMPOISHMENTS

IN ORDER TO REFLECT A WORLD- WIDE PICTURE OF THE TECHNICAL OUTPUT OF 6,793 VOLUNTEERS WORKING IN 58 DEVELOPING COUNTRIES LAST YEAR, THE FOLLOWING SURVEYS THE MAJOR VOLUNTEER ACTIVITIES AND ACCOMPLISHMENTS WITHIN EACH OF THE FIVE JOB SECTORS.

SECTOR: AGRICULTURE AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT

NO. VOLUNTEERS: 1,955 (29 PERCENT)

- 583 VOLUNTEERS ARE DIRECTLY ASSISTING MORE THAN 2500 LOCAL FARMERS TO INCREASE THEIR CROP PRODUCTION CAPABILITIES THROUGH EXTENSION SERVICES.

- 177 VOLUNTEERS ARE WORKING WITH MORE THAN 1500 FARMERS TO IMPROVE

LIVESTOCK QUALITY AND PRODUCTION THROUGH ARTIFICIAL INSEMINATION,
IMPROVED STOCK FEED, VETERINARY AND MARKETING PROJECTS.

- FOR THE FIRST TIME IN HISTORY, OVER 100,000 VILLAGERS AND
FARMERS ARE RECEIVING ADEQUATE SUPPLIES OF PURE WATER BECAUSE 96
VOLUNTEER ENGINEERS AND BUILDING SPECIALISTS CONSTRUCTED MANY TOWN
WATER SYSTEMS AND OVER 1000 WELLS AND BOREHOLES.

- 20,000 FARMERS BECAME MEMBERS OF 150 MARKETING COOPERATIVES BY
WORKING WITH 194 VOLUNTEERS.

- 470 VOLUNTEERS WERE RESPONSIBLE FOR TRAINING OVER 2,000 COOPERATIVE
MANAGERS.

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- 76 VOLUNTEERS TRAINED 1,000 FISHERMEN AND IMPROVED THEIR CATCH
RETURNS IN MANY FISHING VILLAGES AND COOPERATIVES AROUND THE
WORLD.

- 359 OTHER VOLUNTEERS WORKED WITH HOST COUNTRY PEOPLE IN FORESTRY,
HOME ECONOMICS, 4-H CLUBS, FARMING EQUIPMENT REPAIR AND MAINTENANCE,
CONSERVATION AND AGRICULTURAL RESEARCH AND PLANNING.

SECTOR: EDUCATION

NO. VOLUNTEERS: 3,117 (46 PERCENT)

ALL DEVELOPING COUNTRIES WITH WHICH THE PEACE CORPS WORKS CONSIDER

TEACHING AS THE MOST POTENTIALLY VALUABLE CONTRIBUTION VOLUNTEERS CAN MAKE. THE FUTURE OF THESE COUNTRIES WILL DEPEND HEAVILY ON THE AMOUNT AND QUALITY OF EDUCATION THAT THESE GOVERNMENTS CAN PROVIDE.

- 860 VOLUNTEER TEACHERS ARE TEACHING ENGLISH TO 172,000 STUDENTS IN COUNTRIES WHERE ENGLISH IS TAUGHT AS A SECOND LANGUAGE. ANOTHER 605 VOLUNTEERS ARE TEACHING ENGLISH TO 120,800 STUDENTS IN COUNTRIES WHERE

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ENGLISH IS LOW. ALL OF THESE TEACHERS ARE MEETING A CRITICAL NEED BECAUSE THTTOMCK OF ENGLISH TRAINING PREVENTS STUDENTS FROM USING AN ENORMOUS AMOUNT OF RESOURCE MATERIAL WRITTEN IN ENGLISH THEREBY MAKING

ANYTHING MORE THAN A LIMITED EDUCATION IMPOSSIBLE.

- MATHEMATICS AND SCIENCE SUBJECTS ARE TAUGHT BY 728 VOLUNTEERS TO 14 5,600 STUDENTS WHO WILL EVENTUALLY USE THESE SKILLS TO ADVANCE THE TECHNICAL DEVELOPMENT OF THEIR COUNTRIES.

- 59,800 OTHER STUDENTS ARE RECEIVING VALUABLE JOB TRAINING IN INDUSTRIAL ARTS AND VOCATIONAL SUBJECTS THROUGH 299 TECHNICAL EDUCATION VOLUNTEERS.

- 315 VOLUNTEER TEACHER TRAINEES ARE INSTRUCTING 63,000 HOST COUNTRY TEACHERS IN IMPROVED TEACHING METHODOLOGY AND UP- GRADED SUBJECT MATTER SKILLS.

- 22,000 UNIVERSITY STUDENTS ARE BEING TAUGHT BY 110 VOLUNTEERS.

- ANOTHER 36,400 STUDENTS ARE RECEIVING TRAINING BY 201 VOLUNTEERS IN HOME ECONOMICS, BUSINESS EDUCATION, EDUCATIONAL T. V., ADULT EDUCATION, SPORTS AND PHYSICAL EDUCATION, AND LIBRARY SCIENCE.

- ALL TOLD, 3,117 VOLUNTEER TEACHERS TAUGHT 621,600 STUDENTS LAST YEAR.

SECTOR: HEALTH

NO. VOLUNTEERS: 814 (12 PERCENT)

THE VOLUNTEERS WORKING IN THIS AREA OFTEN BRING HEALTH SERVICES TO POOLE WHO HAVE NEVER RECEIVED ANY KIND OF HEALTH CARE BEFORE. ON A WORLDWIDE BASIS ONLY 1 PERCENT OF THE DEVELOPING WORLD' S POPULATION OF 2.5 BILLION RECEIVES THE SERVICES PROVIDED BY THESE VOLUNTEERS:

- 63 VOLUNTEERS PROVIDED MATERNAL AND CHILD HEALTH CARE TO 7,500
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MOTHER AND 30,000 INFANTS AND CHILDREN.

- APPROXIMATELY 10,000,000 PEOPLE RECEIVED INNOCULATIONS AGAINST
SMALLPOX, WERE TREATED FOR TUBERCULOSIS OR HAD MALARIA ERADICATED
FROM THEIR AREA THROUGH THE SERVICES OF 163 VOLUNTEERS.

- 76 PEACE CORPS NURSES TREATED 45,600 PATIENTS AND ASSISTED WITH THE
UP- GRADING OF SKILLS FOR 1,200 LOCAL MEDICAL STAFF.

- 2,300 NURSES AIDES, LABORATORY TECHNICIANS AND MID- WIVES WERE
TRAINED
BY 46 PARAMEDICAL VOLUNTEERS.

- 43,000 PATIENTS WERE TREATED BY 43 VOLUNTEER DOCTORS AND MEDICAL
PRO-
FESSIONALS.

- ANOTHER 358 VOLUNTEERS PROVIDED NEEDED SKILLS IN NUTRITIONO, SCHOOL
HEALTH EDUCATION, VARIOUS MEDICAL SERVICES AND FAMILY PLANNING.

SECTOR: URBAN DEVELOPMENT & PUBLIC WORKS

NO. VOLUNTEERS: 491 (7 PERCENT)

THE MANY SERVICES THAT THE VOLUNTEERS IN THIS AREA BRING TO HUNDREDS
OF TOWNS AND VILLAGES AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT BODIES ARE VITAL TO THE
PLANS OF DEVELOPING COUNTRIES WHERE STRONG PHYSICAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE

INFRASTRUCTURES ARE NEEDED IN ORDER TO FOSTER DEVELOPMENT ON ALL
ECONOMIC LEVELS.

- 122 CIVIL, MECHANICAL AND INDUSTRIAL ENGINEERS AND SURVEYORS ARE
BUILDING ROADS, BRIDGES AND COMMUNITY BUILDINGS OF ALL TYPES USED
BY THOUSANDS OF HOST COUNTRY CITIZENS.

- HOSPITALS, SCHOOLS, FEEDER ROADS, RURAL AND URBAN ELECTRIFICATION
SYSTEMS, AND WATER DISTRIBUSION SYSTEMS HAVE BEEN CONSTRUCTED BY 127
GENERAL CONSTRUCTION AND BUILDING TRADESMEN AS PART OF HUNDREDS OF
MAJOR PROJECTS INVOLVING OTHER HOST GOVERNMENT AGENCIES AND PERSONNEL.

- 49 PEACE CORPS ARCHITECTS DESIGNED AIRPORTS, PUBLIC BUILDINGS, HOUS-
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COMPLEXES AND MARKETS WHICH AFFECT THE DAILY LIVES OF THOUSANDS OF PEOPLE. THESE VOLUNTEERS ALSO TRAINED SEVERAL HUNDRED DRAFTSMEN AND PROVIDED PROJECT SUPERVISION.

- IN ADDITION, ANOTHER 198 VOLUNTEERS PROVIDED EXPERTISE AND ADVICE THROUGH LEGAL SERVICES, SOCIAL WORK, URBAN COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AND CITY AND REGIONAL PLANNING.

SECTOR: BUSINESS & PUBLIC MANAGEMENT

NO. VOLUNTEERS: 416 (6 PERCENT)

THESE VOLUNTEERS PROVIDE MANAGEMENT SERVICES TO A VARIETY OF PRIVATE AND GOVERNMENT GROUPS WHICH LACK THE INTERNAL RESOURCES NECESSARY TO OBTAIN FULL ORGANIZATIONAL POTENTIAL.

- 109 VOLUNTEERS PROVIDED BUSINESS EXPERIENCE AND KNOWLEDGE TO OVER 5,000 HOST COUNTRY MEMBERS OF NUMEROUS CREDIT, CONSUMER AND MARKETING COOPERATIVES.

- MANY GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS AND AGENCIES RECEIVED ASSISTANCE IN BOOKKEEPING AND OTHER MANAGEMENT SYSTEMS FROM 100 PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION VOLUNTEERS.

- 176 VOLUNTEERS WORK WITH SMALL BUSINESSMEN AND INDUSTRIES TO OBTAIN LOANS AND IMPROVE INTERNAL MANAGEMENT AND FINANCIAL SYSTEMS.

- ANOTHER 31 VOLUNTEERS TRAIN HOST COUNTRY PEOPLE IN HOTEL MANAGEMENT TECHNIQUES AND HOW TO IMPROVE THE MANAGEMENT OF COTTAGE INDUSTRIES.

THESE QUANTITATIVE MEASURES TELL PART OF THE STORY, BUT WE ALSO THINK WE'VE MET THE GOAL OF PROVIDING TRAINED MANPOWER OF THE RIGHT KIND. WE THINK WE'VE CONTRATED ON PROVIDING "DOERS" INSTEAD OF "TELLERS", AND WE THINK WE'VE WORKED HARD AT TRAINING FOR SELF SUFFICIENCY.

AS LONG AS THERE IS A NEED AND A REQUEST FOR PEACE CORPS SERVICES, WE HOPE TO CONTINUE MEETING THOSE NEEDS AS DEFINED BY THE COUNTRIES WHO INVITE US.

AS LONG AS OUR PRESIDENT AND CONGRESS BELIEVE WE'RE DOING THE RIGHT
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THING, WE HOPE TO KEEP THE SPIRIT OF PEACE CORPS ALIVE.

COLLINS REYNOLDS
PEACE CORPS DIRECTOR
FREETOWN, SIERRA LEONE

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